A short Account of Dr. PRIESTLEY's

CHART of BIOGRAPHY.

THE CHART of BIOGRAPHY, of which the Plate annexed exhibits a Specimen, is about three Feet in Length, and two Feet in Breadth. It repreſents the Interval of Time between the Year 1200 before Chriſt, and 1800 after Chriſt, divided, by an equal Scale, into Centuries. It contains about two thouſand Names of Perſons the moſt diſtinguiſhed in the Annals of Fame; and the Length of their Lives is repreſented in it by Lines drawn in Proportion to their real Duration, and placed ſo as ſhow, by Inſpection, how long any Number of Perſons were cotemporary, and how long one Life began before, or extended beyond another, with every other Circumſtance which depends upon the Length of Lives, and the Relation they bear both to one another, and to univerſal Time; Certainty being always repreſented by full Lines, and Uncertainty by Dots, or broken Lines. The Names are, moreover, diſtributed into ſeveral Claſſes by Lines running the whole Length of the Chart, and the Chronology is noted in one Margin by the Year before and after Chriſt, and in the other by Succeſſion of Kings.

As an Example of the Uſe of the Chart, let any Perſon but attend to the black Line which repreſents the Life of Sir ISAAC NEWTON; he will ſee by the Length and Situation of it, that that great Man was born before the Middle of the ſeventeenth Century, and lived till near the Middle of the eighteenth. He was born a few Years after the Death of Lord BACON, and about as many Years before that of DES CARTES. He was a younger Man than BOYLE, whom he outlived many Years; and Sir HANS SLOAN, MONTFAUCON, ROLLIN, BENTLEY, and LE CLERC, lived to about his Age, and were his Cotemporaries the greateſt Part of his Life. Almoſt any Number of Lives may be compared with the ſame Eaſe, to the ſame Perfection, and in the ſame ſhort Space of Time.

The Price of the Chart, together with a Book, containing a DESCRIPTION of it, a CONTINUATION on a ſmaller Scale, as high as the Creation, and a CATALOGUE of all the Names inſerted in it, with the Dates annexed to them, is *Half a Guinea*, or upon Canvas and Rollers, 14s.

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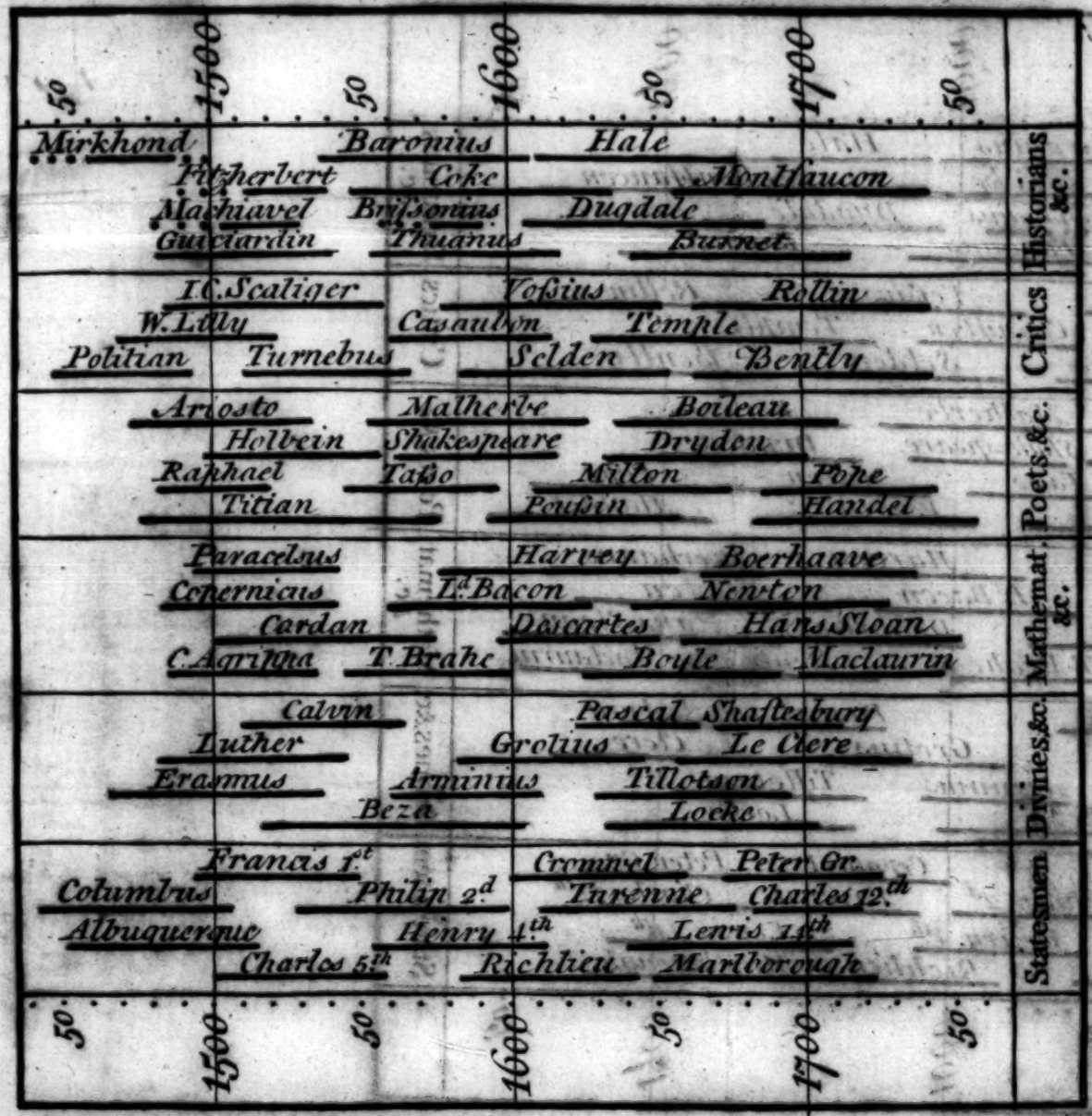
A SPECIMEN of a CHART of BIOGRAPHY.



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